

State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health

HEALTHCARE FACILITY NOTICE NOTICE: #2020-COVID19-ADC/ADHC/PACE-001

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO:

Adult Day Care (ADC) Providers

Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Providers

PACE Providers

FROM:

LDH Office of Public Health

Jimmy Guidry, State Health Officer

RE:

Program Closures

DATE:

March 13, 2020

The State of Louisiana, Department of Health ("LDH"), is committed to taking critical steps to ensure public health and safety; to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in healthcare facilities, the State of Louisiana, Department of Health, is **DIRECTING AND REQUIRING** that all Adult Day Care (ADH) Providers, all Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Providers, and all PACE providers in Louisiana adhere to the following provisions, restrictions, and limitations, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**:

A. PROGRAM CLOSURES

- A.1. Each ADC, ADHC, and PACE Provider located in LDH Region 1¹ shall CLOSE its facility for thirty (30) days, effective 7:00 a.m., March 16, 2020; this 30 day mandatory closure shall commence on March 16, 2020, and shall end on April 14, 2020, unless otherwise extended by written notice from the Department.
- A.2 Each ADC, ADHC, and PACE Provider shall immediately notify its clients and families of the closure.

¹ LDH Region 1 consists of the following parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines.

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A.3 Each ADC, ADHC, and PACE provider in an LDH Region other than LDH Region 1, shall immediately implement a screening of all staff and clients. All staff, clients, and volunteers shall be screened prior to entry for fever and respiratory symptoms; the screening shall include the taking of each client, volunteer, and staff member's temperature and document the absence of any shortness of breath, new or change in cough, and sore throat. No one exhibiting any signs or symptoms of a respiratory illness or infection shall be permitted to enter the facility.

A.4 Each ADC, ADHC, and PACE provider is further directed to follow the LDH Notice(s) regarding Visitation Restrictions.

End of Notice